

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 19, at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce and Cynthia Hyde.

Also present: Chief Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke were all present. Street Superintendent Larry Parrish and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz were absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

An event request was presented for a fireworks display by Circle City Pyrotechnics to be held on September 30th at the Owen Valley Homecoming Football game to take place between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. The Event is sponsored by the OVHS Athletic Department, and has been approved by the school principal. Proof of insurance has been provided.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the event registration. The motion was seconded and passed.

Another event request was presented by the Spencer Police Department for the annual Halloweenie Roast to take place on Monday, October 31st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. As part of the request, they are asking to have West Street closed between Morgan and Franklin Streets.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the event registration request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, a discussion regarding ordinance violations at 64 W. Tanner were discussed by the Board. Phillip Weddle had requested to be heard before the Board, but was not present at the beginning of the discussion. Chief Foutch updated the board and reported that Mr. Weddle was working to get his property in compliance and was making progress. He still had some issues understanding why he could not keep lawnmower parts scattered across his property for a repair business. The Building Department made a visit to his property regarding a shed and whether or not it was in compliance. The biggest problem was that it was no secure, nor had a foundation, so his wife had agreed that they would have it removed by September 26th.

After the discussion, Mr. Weddle showed up, and questioned the ability to repair and sell lawn mowers. After some discussion of what constituted a business and zoning laws, he stated he understood. He next asked questions about another neighbor who was in violation but didn't seem to be fined. Chief Foutch explained what we the town was doing on this property, and he said he understood. He then asked Chief Foutch if he could stop by his residence on Wednesday and let him know if he was in compliance with the ordinance yet. He said he would continue to work on this until the Town was satisfied. Chief Foutch warned him, as long as there is progress, he will not write another violation, but if he fails to continue the cleanup, he will get another violation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported their next meeting will be on September 21st. The Agenda for the meeting is to get a Declaratory Resolution passed for the new TIF area, in order to pass it on to the next step of presenting it to the Planning Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch introduced the newest officer, Richard Hanlin, to the Board. The Clerk-Treasurer swore Officer Hanlin in for duty.

He next reported on a couple of properties that had nuisance violations against them, and the progress he had made.

Lastly, he requested that he make a donation to the Spencer Demolay out of his Donations fund in the amount of \$100. The Demolay is working on creating dna kits for children in Owen County.

Jon Stantz made a motion that the donation to the Demolay be approved, provided there were funds available for it. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish is on vacation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections for the Sewer Dept. He requested permission to purchase a new dewatering bag in the amount of \$1,550.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to allow the purchase of the bag for \$1,550. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz was not in attendance. .

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde brought up the parking issue with the Court House during jury selection. The Town agreed to look into an ordinance for use of parking spaces, but it has not been done yet, and there is a jury selection coming up in the next week. Chief Foutch said that he will alert Debbie Foutch of the situation.

Dean Bruce gave a brief summary of the meeting with HighPoint Global the previous Friday. He thought it went very well, and he hoped we could include more people in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported that Mike McCracken contacted him about replacing sidewalks on the Main Street side of his building on the corner of Franklin and Main.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ CYNTHIA HYDE
Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer